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Torrance, California  
February 4, 1947

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California on Tuesday, February 4, 1947 at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: Gilbert.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

This being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Mrs. Rose Douroux, 2866 W. Carson Street, requesting permission to park two small trailers at 2624 W. Carson Street for living quarters for herself and her two children.

Councilman Powell moved that Mrs. Douroux be granted a ninety day permit to park the two trailers at the above address. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, signed by Reed H. Parkin, President, requesting that the City Council obtain a restraining order which would prohibit removal from the schools by the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles of property and buildings rightfully belonging to the Torrance schools.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this communication be referred to the Council as a whole for study, pending a decision from the acting City Attorney, John E. McCall, who is taking Otto B. Willett's place while he is taking a week's leave of absence. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Office of the County Counsel, Suite 1100 Hall of Records, Los Angeles, submitting four copies of a modified Civil Service Contract between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Torrance for execution by Mayor Sherfey.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council authorize Mayor Sherfey to execute the modified Civil Service Contract. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. James Van Dyck, Director of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Box 548, requesting that the Council grant permission to hold band practice in the Civic Auditorium on Saturday mornings from 10:30 to 12:00 a.m., instead of Wednesdays from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m., due to the fact that some of the students find it difficult to attend rehearsal at that time.

Councilman Jackson moved that the request of Mr. Van Dyck be concurred in. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Loren Smith, 1521 Crenshaw Boulevard, requesting permission from the Council to erect a running fence, 30 inches high as per building restrictions, on his property at the above address. He stated that the Building Inspector has given his approval.

Councilman Tolson moved that this request be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 306 West Third Street, Los Angeles, stating that the District's Board of Directors authorized the connection for Municipal Water District No. 2 at the meeting held January 24, 1947. The connection of Municipal Water District No. 1 was authorized at the meeting held November 22, 1946. The authorization of both districts was made subject to the terms of the District's adopted policy for supplemental connections in constituent areas, namely, that the cost is to be paid by the City and that ownership and control of the diversion structure and appurtenant equipment and piping are to be vested in the District. Connections are to be made for No. 1 by June and for No. 2 by May 1, 1947. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Otto B. Willett, City Attorney, advising that the matter of decreasing public liability and property damage insurance on taxicabs operating within the City of Torrance should be determined by the Council. He advised that if the Council deems it advisable to reduce the requirements on insurance coverage, an amendment to Section 6 of Ordinance No. 366 will be required.

Councilman Powell moved that this communication be referred to the entire City Council for further consideration, deferring a decision on the matter until the return of the City Attorney from his vacation. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Otto B. Willett, City Attorney, with reference to the letter from the firm of Bumpus and McKinlay, Attorneys-at-Law, making claim in behalf of Mr. Ernest Frum for restoration of dirt removed from his lot at the corner of 166th Street and Grenshaw Boulevard, supposedly by the City street crew. Mr. Willett stated that this work was found to have been done more than two years ago and not by the City of Torrance but by an independent contractor. He therefore recommended that the claim against the City of Torrance be denied.

Councilman Jackson moved that the recommendation of the City Attorney be concurred in and that the complainant, Mr. Ernest Frum, be so notified. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Sherfey announced that the opening of bids for pipe and fittings for Municipal Water District No. 2 would be held at this time. Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following bids:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>BID</u>
R. W. Sparling, Manufacturer of Water Measuring Equipment Terminal Annex, Box 3277 Los Angeles 54, Calif.	One 12 x 4" Sparling Compound Meter	\$ 1,080.00
American Cast Iron Pipe Co. 1203-1204 Park Central Bldg. 412 West Sixth Street Los Angeles 14, Calif.	Cast Iron Pipe & Fittings	\$105,292.47
Rensselaer Valve Company 1005 Subway Terminal Bldg. Los Angeles 13, California	Gate Valves	\$ 3,129.05
United States Pipe & Foundry Co. 448 So. Hill Street Los Angeles, Calif.	Cast Iron Pipe & Fittings	\$106,710.89
Water Works Supply Company 448 So. Hill Street Los Angeles, Calif.	Gate Valves & Pressure Regulators	\$ 5,283.55
National Cast Iron Pipe Co. 1930 West Olympic Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif.	Cast Iron Pipe & Fittings	\$ 55,292.66
Crane Company 321 E. Third Street Los Angeles, Calif.	Gate Valves, Hydrants, Risers & C. I. Fittings	\$ 9,976.80
Western Water Works Supply Co. 2600 San Fernando Road Los Angeles 41, Calif.	Hydrants & Risers	\$ 1,201.75

Councilman Tolson moved that the foregoing bids for pipe and fittings for Municipal Water District No. 2 be referred to Taylor and Taylor, Consulting Engineers, for recommendation to the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Arthur Taylor stated that he would make his recommendation at the next Regular Meeting which will be held on February 11, 1947, and requested that duplicates of the bids be furnished him.

Councilman Tolson moved that duplicates of the eight bids for Municipal Water District No. 2 pipe and fittings be given Mr. Taylor for study. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

A communication was read from Mr. Arthur Taylor, of the Engineering Offices of Taylor and Taylor, 725 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, with reference to completing plans and specifications for Municipal Water District No. 1. He stated that delivery will be such that work can start the first of May. He recommended that bids be received from contractors in the last half of March and that they be advertised three weeks before in two issues of the paper. Matter of record.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1821

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,  
DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTER-  
EST AND NECESSITY DEMAND THE AC-  
QUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CER-  
TAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND  
MAKING FINDINGS RELATING THERETO.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1821 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1821 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 386

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE,  
CALIFORNIA, ORDERING, CALLING PROVID-  
ING FOR, AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPE-  
CIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE ON THE 18TH DAY OF MARCH,  
1947, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING  
TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY  
TWO PROPOSITIONS TO INCUR BONDED IN-  
DEBTEDNESS BY SAID CITY FOR CERTAIN  
MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 386 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Ordinance No. 386 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Law Offices of O'Melveny and Myers, 433 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, submitting a bill in the amount of \$975.00 for services rendered on the bond issues at the August 20, 1946 election.

Councilman Tolson moved that this bill be paid after being properly audited. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council authorize the installation of a fire hydrant at the northwest corner of Gramercy Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, upon the recommendation of Fire Chief McMaster. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried

